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In re application of: Rao et al.
 SERIAL NO.: 10/649,269
 FILING DATE: August 27, 2003
 FOR: Reliable Fault Resolution
 In A Cluster

Group Art Unit: 2184

Examiner:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Enclosed is a preliminary amendment in the above-identified patent application.

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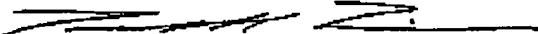
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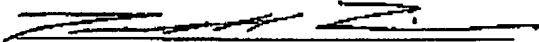
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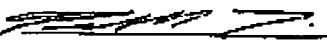
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Prior to examination please amend the above-identified patent application and give
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